

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 405

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Helen Edwards as
an outstanding community servant.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to
improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Helen Edwards is one such individual who evinces the greatest integrity and
probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Simon and Marie Bailey, she was born on May 19, 1941, in
Unicoi County; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Unicoi County High School, Helen Edwards married her
husband, Ralph Edwards, on February 14, 1969, and they made their home in the Flag Pond
community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edwards worked at A. R. Brown, a local downtown Erwin department
store, for seven years and Morrill Electric for four years; when she learned that she and Mr.
Edwards would be parents, she became a stay-at-home mother for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, she exhibits her devout religious faith as a member of Jennie Moore
Presbyterian Church, which she has faithfully served as an elder, clerk of the session, and
Sunday School secretary; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to helping others, Mrs. Edwards is the director of the Unicoi
County Care and Share program, which provides food subsidies, clothing, and assistance with
utilities bills; and

WHEREAS, Helen Edwards is also a Salvation Army volunteer and an active member of
the Flag Pond Ruritan Club, the Eastern Star, and the International Order of Rainbow Girls; and

WHEREAS, Helen Edwards enjoys the love and support she shares with her daughters, Tammy and Anna Marie, and her grandsons, Zeb and Thaddaeus Tipton and Andrew and Phillip Bryant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edwards is a proven leader who has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Helen Edwards is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Helen Edwards as an outstanding community servant, thank her for her good works, and extend to her our best wishes for continued happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.